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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, January 25, 2021, inmate Pedro Lopez-Vargas tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Mr. Lopez-Vargas, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Lopez-Vargas was a 59-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of California to a 25-year and 15-day sentence for Second Degree Murder and Illegal Re-Entry into the United States. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since November 24, 1999.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 787 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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